

Chapter 6

Work and Kinetic Energy

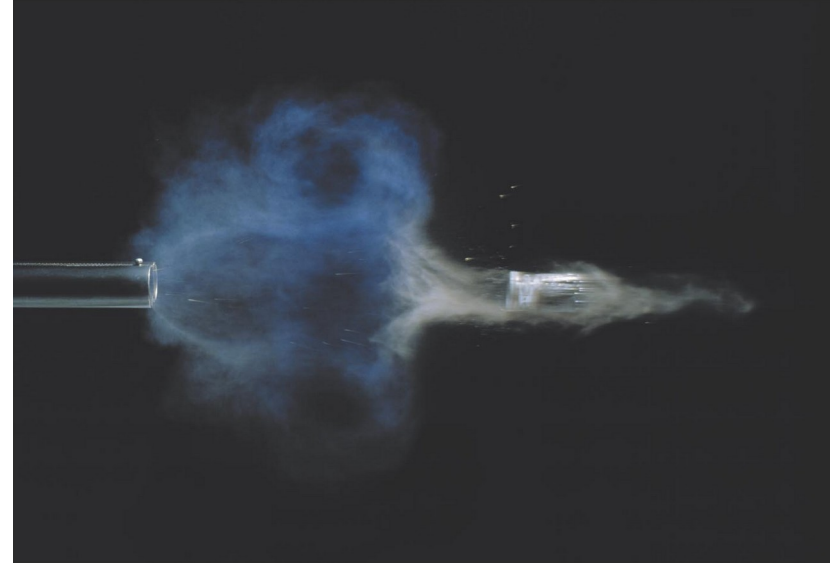
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Goals for Chapter 6

- To understand and calculate work done by a force.
- To study and apply kinetic energy
- To learn and use the work-energy theorem
- To calculate work done by a varying force along a curved path
- To add time to the calculation and determine the power in a physical situation

Introduction

- We've studied how Newton's Second Law allows us to calculate an acceleration from a force but what if the force changes during its application?
- We must look at action-reaction pairs that are not immediately obvious (like the shotgun expelling the pellets with expanding gas but having the



Introduction

In this chapter, though, our concentration will be on mechanics. We'll learn about one important form of energy called ***kinetic energy***, or ***energy of motion***, and how it relates to **the concept of work**. We'll also consider ***power***, ***which is the time rate of doing work***.

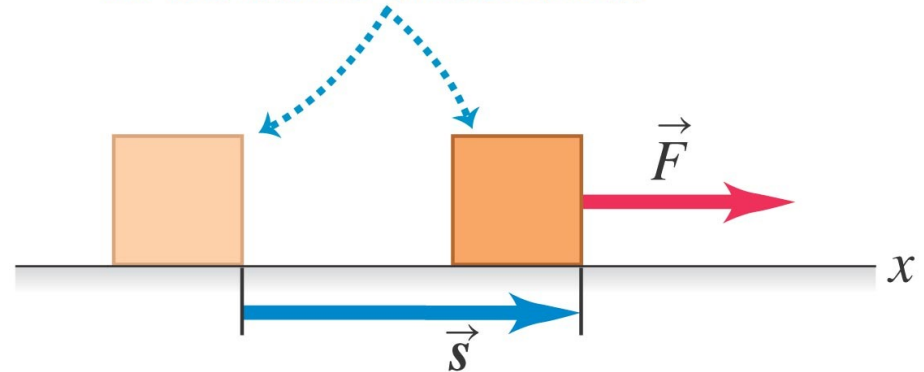
In Chapter 7 we'll expand the ideas of work and kinetic energy into a deeper understanding of ***the concepts of energy*** and ***the conservation of energy***.

Work, a force through a distance

- As in the illustration, pushing in the same direction that the object moves, the work done by the force is **$W=Fs$** .



If a body moves through a displacement \vec{s} while a constant force \vec{F} acts on it in the same direction ...



... the work done by the force on the body is $W = Fs$.

Work, a force through a distance

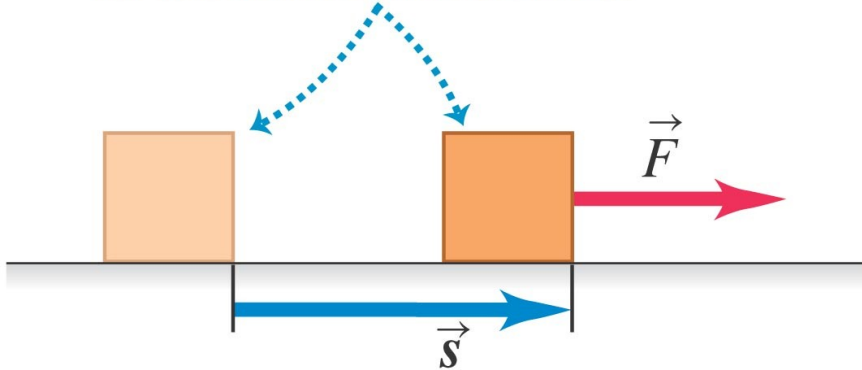
In physics, **work** has a much more precise definition. By making use of this definition, we'll find that in any motion, no matter how complicated, **the total work done on a particle by all forces that act on it equals the change in its kinetic energy---a quantity that's related to the particle's speed.**

This relationship **holds** even when *the forces* acting on the particle **aren't constant**. The ideas of work and kinetic energy enable us to solve problems in mechanics that we could not have attempted

Work, a force through a distance

Consider a body that undergoes a displacement of magnitude s along a straight line, assume the body be treated as a particle, so that we can ignore any

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pe of the body. While the body moves, a constant force F acts on it in the same direction as the displacement s . We define

the work W done by this

$$W = Fs \quad \text{force :} \quad (6.1)$$

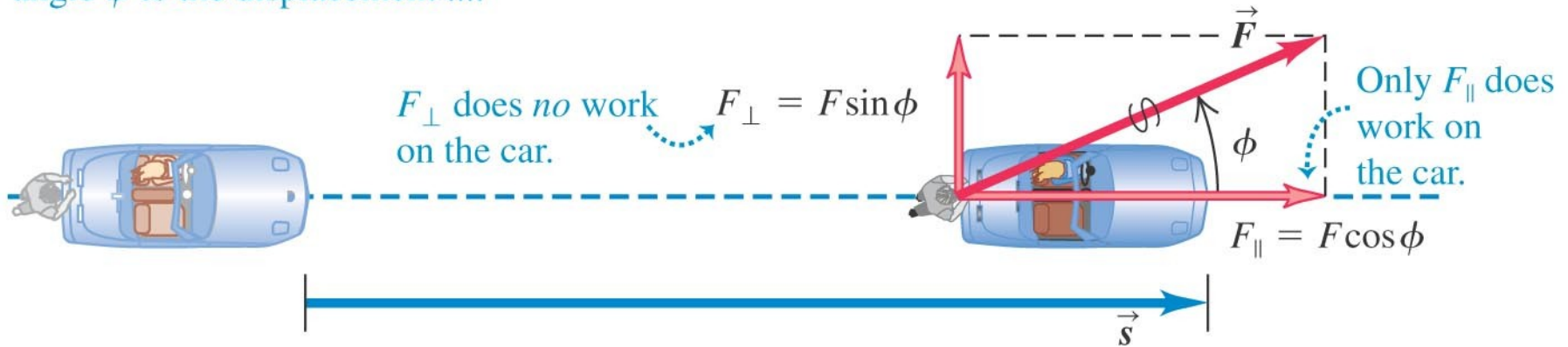
$$1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$1 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb} = 1.356 \text{ J}$$

Use the parallel component if the force acts at an angle

If a car moves through a displacement \vec{s} while a constant force \vec{F} acts on it at an angle ϕ to the displacement

... the work done by the force on the car is $W = F_{\parallel}s = (F \cos \phi)s = Fs \cos \phi$.



$$W = Fs \cos \phi \quad \text{or} \quad W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}$$

Work done by constant force along straight-line.

Example 6.1 Work done by a constant force

(a) Steve exerts a steady force of magnitude 210 N on the stalled car in Fig.6.3 as he pushes it a distance of 18 m . The car also has a flat tire, so to make the car track straight Steve must push at an angle of 30° to the direction of motion. How much work does Steve do? (b) In a helpful mood, Steve pushes a second stalled car with a steady force $\mathbf{F} = (160\mathbf{i} - 40\mathbf{j})\text{ N}$. The displacement is $\mathbf{s} = (14\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j})\text{ m}$. How much work does Steve do in this case?

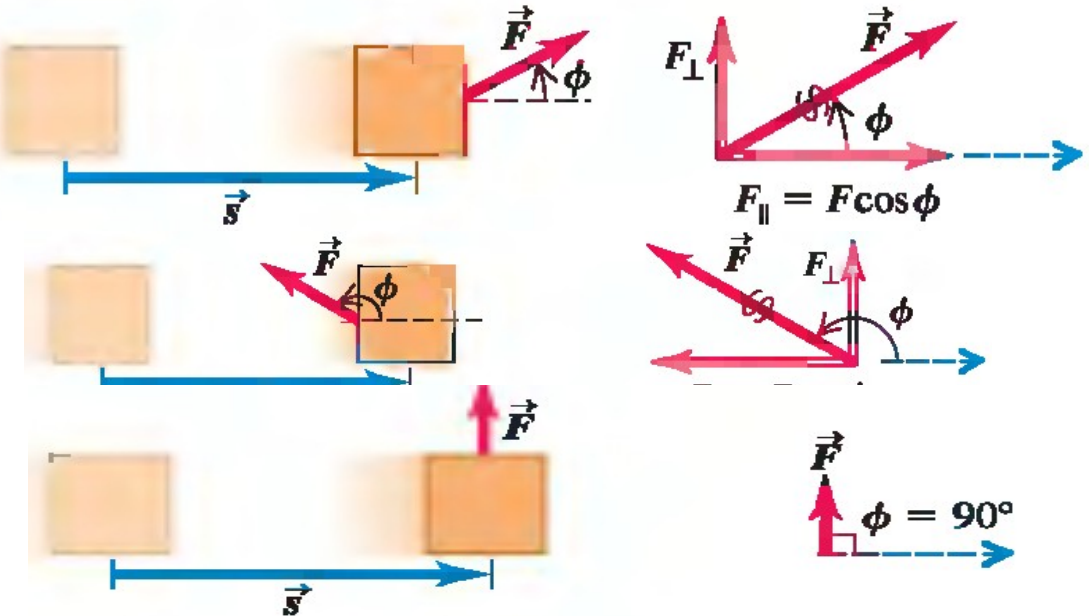
$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad W &= F s \cos \phi = (210\text{ N})(18\text{ m})\cos 30^\circ = 3.3 \times 10^3\text{ J} \\ \text{(b)} \quad W &= \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{s}} = F_x x + F_y y = (160\text{ N})(14\text{ m}) + (-40\text{ N})(11\text{ m}) \\ &= 1.8 \times 10^3\text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

Work: Positive, Negative or Zero

It's important to understand that work can be **positive, negative or zero**. When the force has a component in the same direction as the displacement ($0 < \Phi < 90^\circ$), $\cos \Phi > 0$, W is **positive** and When the force has a component opposite to the displacement ($90^\circ < \Phi < 180^\circ$), $\cos \Phi < 0$ and the work is **negative**.

When the force is perpendicular to the displacement ($\Phi = 90^\circ$) and the work is zero.

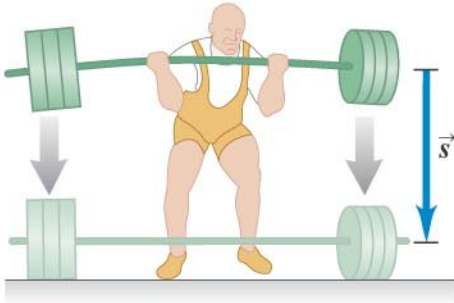
$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s} = Fs \cos \phi$$



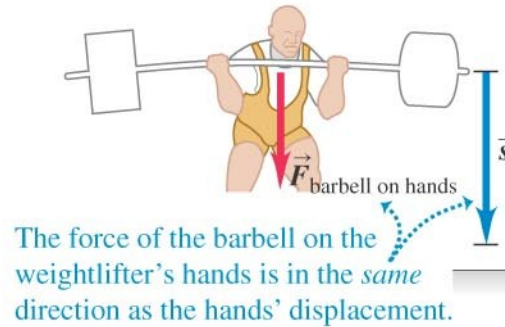
How can it be such a great “workout” with no work?

When positive and negative work cancel, the net work is zero even though muscles are exercising. How does the **negative** mean?

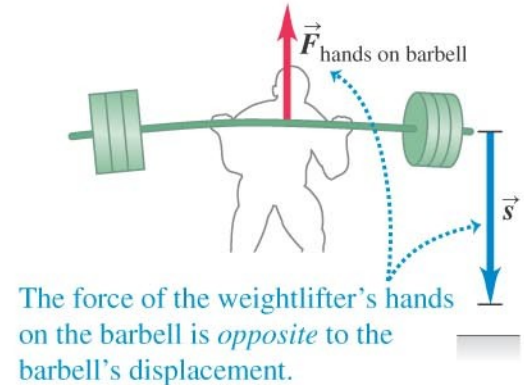
(a) A weightlifter lowers a barbell to the floor.



(b) The barbell does *positive* work on the weightlifter's hands.



(c) The weightlifter's hands do *negative* work on the barbell.



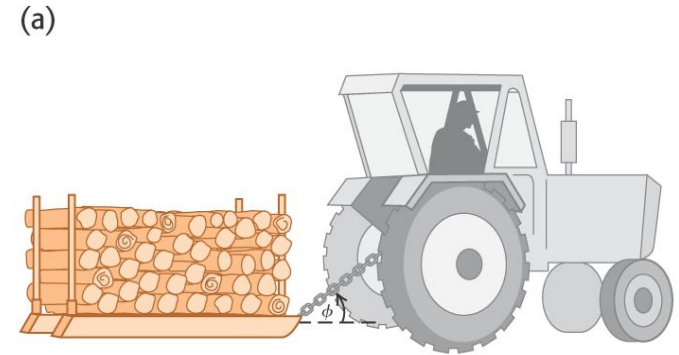
How do we calculate **work** when ***several forces*** act on a body? **One way** is to use Eq.(6.2) or (6.3) to compute the work done by each separate force. the total work W_{tot} is the **algebraic sum** of the quantities of work done by the individual forces. **An alternative way** to find the total work W_{tot} is to

Work done by several forces

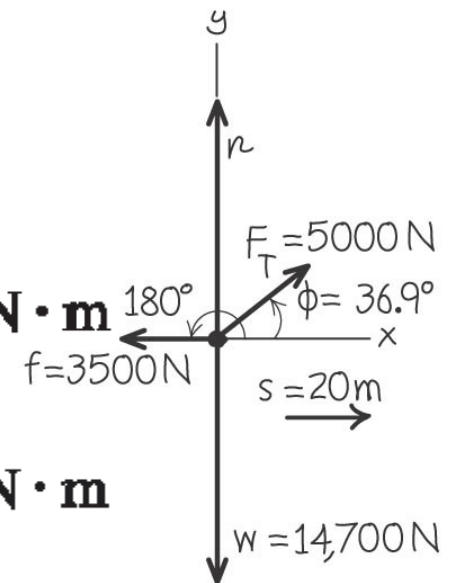
A farmer hitches her tractor to a sled loaded with firewood and pulls it a distance of 20m along level ground. The total weight of sled and load is 14700N. The tractor exerts a constant 5000N force at an angle of 36.9° above the horizontal. There is a 3500N friction force opposing the sled's motion. **Find the work done by each force** acting on the sled and the total work done by all

$$W_T = F_T s \cos \phi = (5000 \text{ N})(20 \text{ m})(0.800) = 80,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \\ = 80 \text{ kJ}$$

$$W_f = f s \cos 180^\circ = (3500 \text{ N})(20 \text{ m})(-1) = -70,000 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \\ = -70 \text{ kJ}$$



(b) Free-body diagram for sled



6.2 Kinetic Energy and the Work-Energy

Theorem

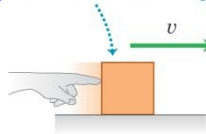
The total work done on a body by external forces is related to the body's displacement---that is, to

changes in its position. But the total work is also

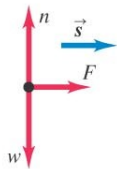
related to changes in the speed of the body. *Work*

and energy.

(a) A block slides to the right on a frictionless surface.

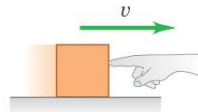


If you push to the right on the moving block, the net force on the block is to the right.

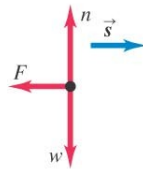


- The total work done on the block during a displacement \vec{s} is positive: $W_{\text{tot}} > 0$.
- The block speeds up.

(b)

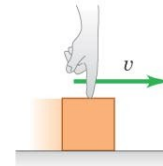


If you push to the left on the moving block, the net force on the block is to the left.

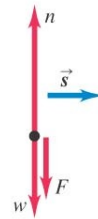


- The total work done on the block during a displacement \vec{s} is negative: $W_{\text{tot}} < 0$.
- The block slows down.

(c)



If you push straight down on the moving block, the net force on the block is zero.



- The total work done on the block during a displacement \vec{s} is zero: $W_{\text{tot}} = 0$.
- The block's speed stays the same.

We can conclude that when a particle undergoes a displacement, it speeds up if $W_{\text{tot}} > 0$, slows down if

$W_{\text{tot}} < 0$, and maintains the same speed if $W_{\text{tot}} = 0$.

The work-energy theorem

We consider a constant force.

$$v_2^2 = v_1^2 + 2a_x s$$

$$a_x = \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2s}$$

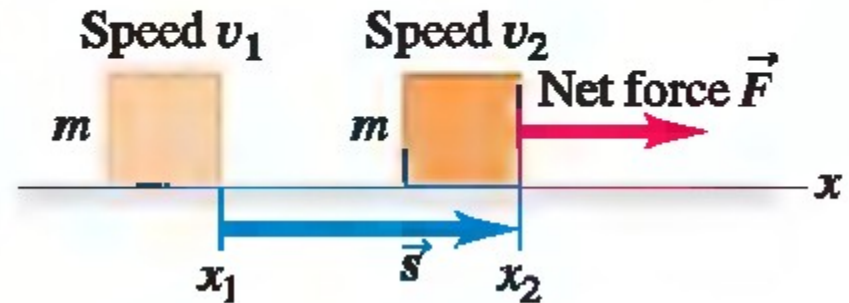
$$F = ma_x = m \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2s}$$

$$Fs = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2$$

The quantity $\mathbf{mv^2/2}$ is called the **kinetic energy** \mathbf{K} of the particle:

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

6.9 A constant net force \vec{F} does work on a moving body.

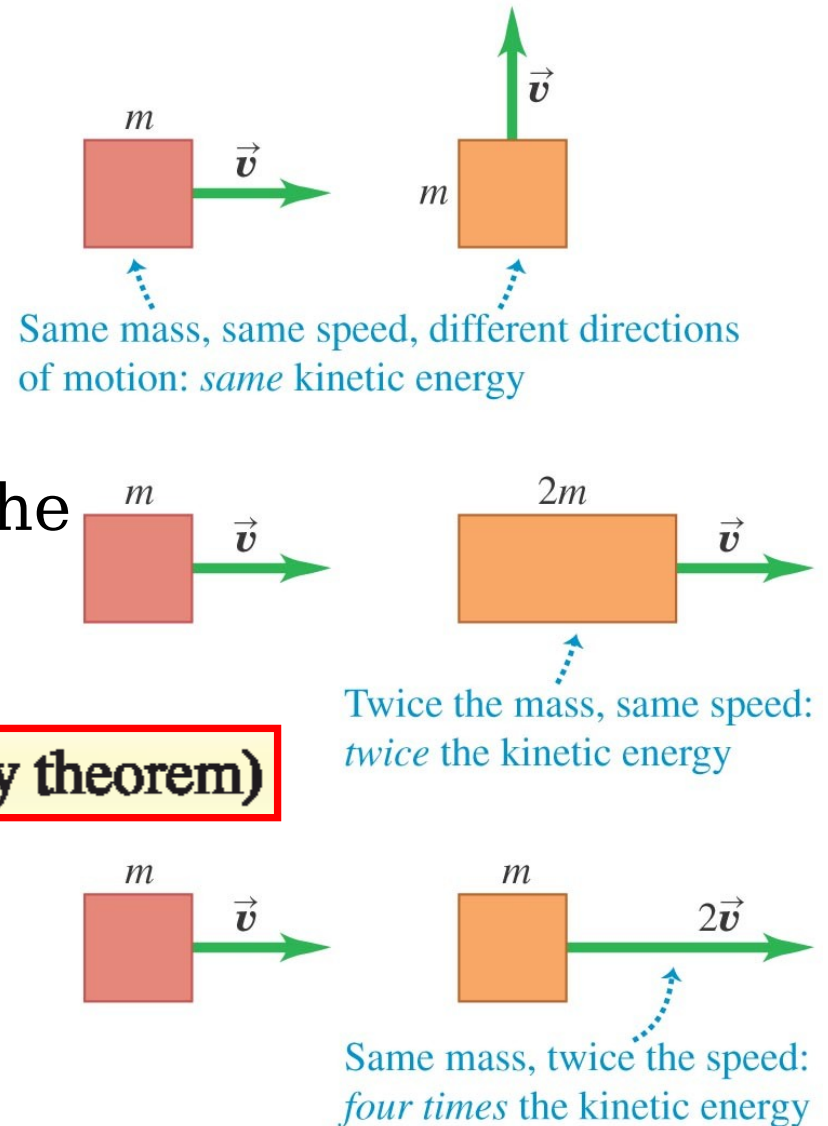


The work-energy theorem

Changes in the energy of a moving body under the influence of an applied force change differently depending on the direction of application. The work done by the net force on a particle equals the change in the particle's kinetic energy.

$$W_{tot} = K_2 - K_1 \quad \text{(work-energy theorem)}$$

Kinetic energy depends on only the particle's mass and speed, not its direction of motion.



The work-energy theorem

kinetic energy and work must have the same units. Hence the **joule** is the **SI** unit of both work and kinetic energy.

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \text{ has units } \text{kg} \cdot (\text{m/s})^2 \text{ or } \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2;$$

$$1 \text{ N} = 1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2, \text{ so}$$

$$1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} = 1 (\text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2) \cdot \text{m} = 1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$$

Note : The work-energy theorem is valid in any inertial frame, but the values of W_{tot} and $K_2 - K_1$ may differ from one inertial frame to another.

We have derived the **work-energy theorem** for the special case of straight-line motion with constant forces. We'll find that the theorem is **valid in general**, even when the forces are not constant and

How fast?—Example 6.3

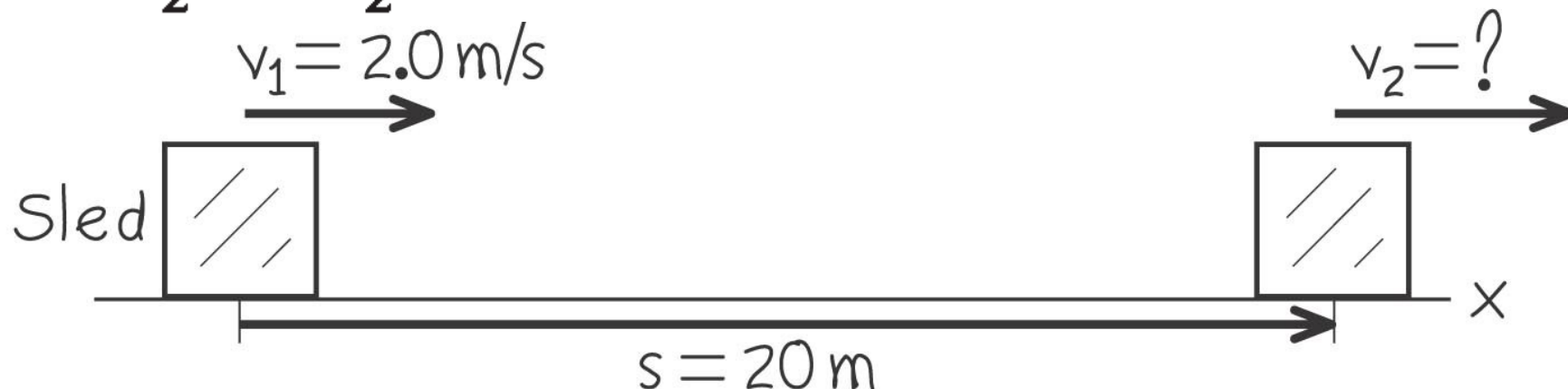
Let's look again at the sled in Fig. 6.7 and the numbers at the end of Example 6.2. Suppose the initial speed v_1 is 2.0 m/s. What is the speed of the

$$m = \frac{w}{g} = \frac{14,700 \text{ N}}{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2} = 1500 \text{ kg} \quad ?$$

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1500 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m/s})^2 = 3000 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2 = 3000 \text{ J}$$

$$K_2 = K_1 + W_{\text{tot}} = 3000 \text{ J} + 10,000 \text{ J} = 13,000 \text{ J}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1500 \text{ kg})v_2^2 \quad v_2 = 4.2 \text{ m/s}$$

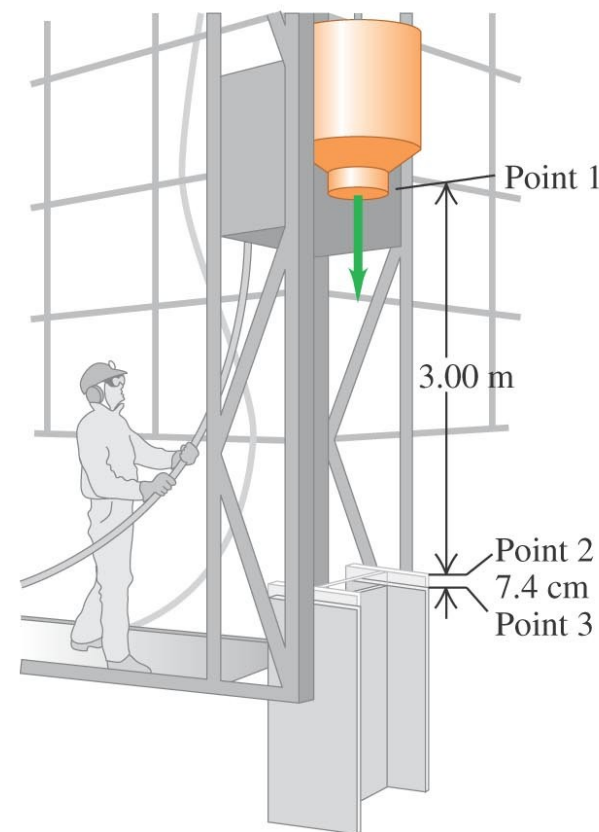


Forces on a hammerhead—Example

6.4

In a pile driver, a steel hammerhead with mass 200kg is lifted 3.00m above the top of a vertical I-beam being driven into the ground. The hammer is then dropped, driving the I-beam 7.4cm farther into the ground. The vertical rails that guide the hammerhead exert a constant 60N friction force on the hammerhead. Use the work-energy theorem to find (a) the speed of the hammerhead just as it hits the I-beam and (b) the average force

(a)



Forces on a hammerhead—Example 6.4

Identify and set up: Use the work-energy theorem to relate the hammerhead's speed at **different locations** and the forces acting on it. Free-body diagram to solve the motion of a pile driver.

Execute: From point 1 to point 2, the vertical forces are the downward weight $w = mg = (200 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 1960 \text{ N}$

The upward friction force $f = 60 \text{ N}$

Thus the net downward force is $w - f = 1900 \text{ N}$

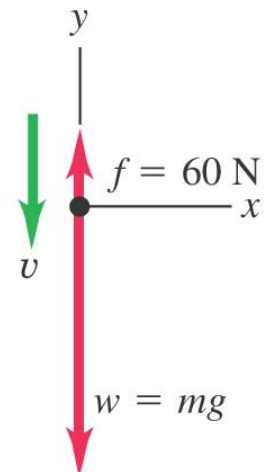
The displacement $s_{12} = 3.00 \text{ m}$. The total work done on the hammerhead as it moves from point 1 to point 2 is then

$$W_{\text{tot}} = (w - f)s_{12} = (1900 \text{ N})(3.00 \text{ m}) = 5700 \text{ J}$$

$$W_{\text{tot}} = K_2 - K_1 = K_2 - 0 = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 - 0$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2W_{\text{tot}}}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(5700 \text{ J})}{200 \text{ kg}}} = 7.55 \text{ m/s}$$

(b) Free-body diagram for falling hammerhead



Forces on a hammerhead—Example 6.4

(b) As the hammerhead moves downward between points 2 and 3, the net downward force acting on it is **$w - f - n$** .

The total work done on the hammerhead during this displacement is

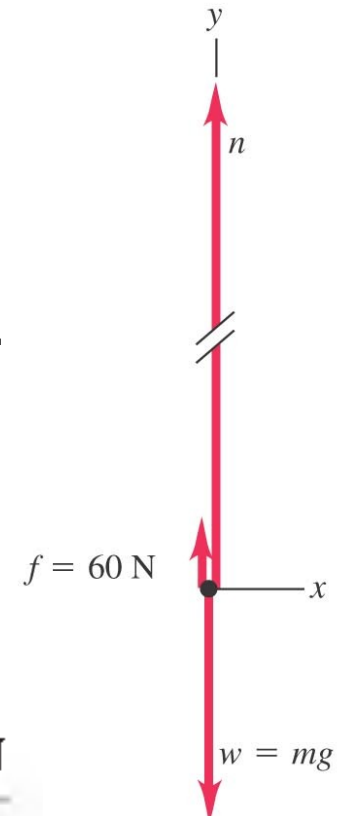
$$W_{\text{tot}} = (w - f - n)s_{23}$$

The initial kinetic energy for this part of the motion is **K_2** , which from part (a) equals **5700 J** . The final kinetic energy is **$K_3 = 0$** , since the hammerhead ends at rest.

Then, from the work-energy theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} n &= w - f - \frac{K_3 - K_2}{s_{23}} = 1960\text{ N} - 60\text{ N} - \frac{0\text{ J} - 5700\text{ J}}{0.074\text{ m}} \\ &= 79,000\text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Free-body diagram for hammerhead pushing I-beam



The meaning of kinetic energy

The kinetic energy of a particle is equal to the total work that was done to accelerate it from rest to its present speed.

The kinetic energy of a particle is equal to the total work that particle can do in the process of being brought to rest.

This is why you pull your hand and arm backward when you catch a ball. As the ball comes to rest, it does an amount of work (force times distance) on your hand equal to the ball's initial kinetic energy. By pulling your hand back, you maximize the distance over which the force acts and so minimize the force on your hand.

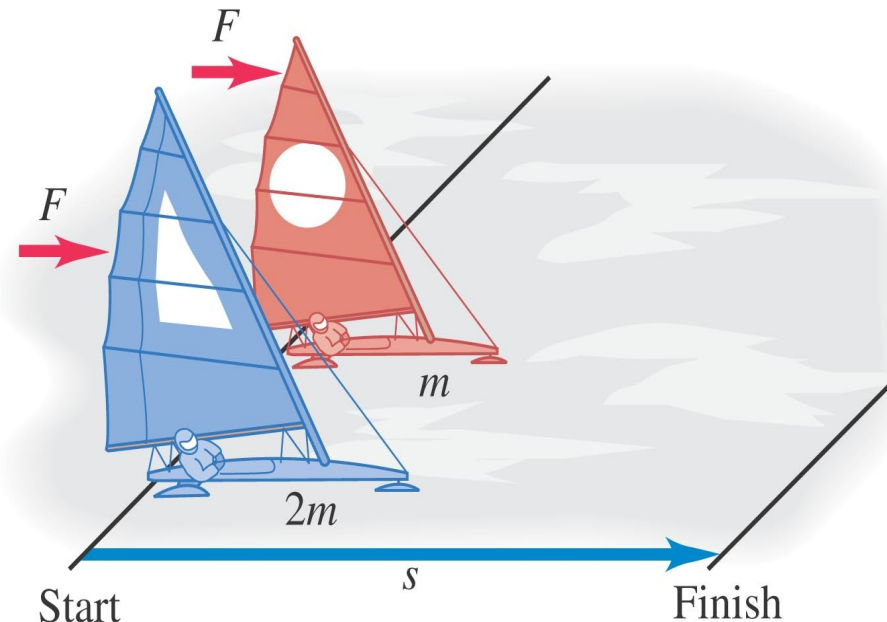
Different objects, different kinetic energies

Two iceboats hold a race on a frictionless horizontal lake. The two iceboats have masses m and $2m$. Each iceboat has an identical sail, so the wind exerts the same constant force F on each iceboat. The two iceboats start from rest and cross the finish line a distance s away. *Which iceboat crosses the finish line with greater kinetic energy?*

The kinetic energy of a particle is equal to the total work done to accelerate it from rest.

$$W_{\text{tot}} = K - 0 = K$$

So both iceboats have the same kinetic energy at the finish line!



6.3 Work and Energy with Varying Forces

We've considered work done by constant forces only. But what happens when you stretch a spring? The more you stretch it, the harder you have to pull, so the force you exert is **not constant** as the spring is stretched.

There are many situations in which a body moves along **a curved path** and is acted on by **a force that varies** in magnitude, direction, or both. We need to be able to compute the work done by the force in these more general cases.

Fortunately, we'll find that **the work-energy theorem** holds true even when varying forces are considered and when the body's path is not

Work Done by a Varying Force, Straight-Line Motion

Perhaps the best example is driving a car, alternating your attention between the gas and the brake.

The effect is a variable positive or negative force of various magnitudes. The work done is $W = F_{ax}\Delta x_a + F_{bx}\Delta x_b + \dots$

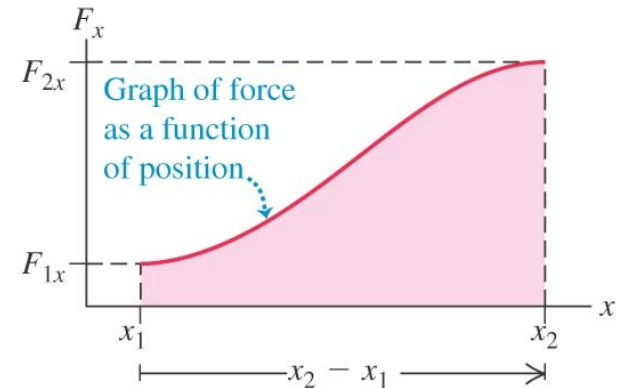
In the limit that the number of segments becomes very large and the width of each becomes very small, this sum becomes the integral of F_x from x_1 to x_2 :

$$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F_x dx \quad (6.7)$$

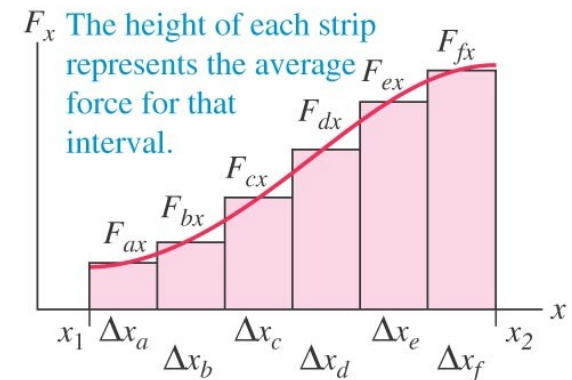
(a) Particle moving from x_1 to x_2 in response to a changing force in the x -direction



(b)



(c)



Work Done by a Varying Force, Straight-Line Motion

On a graph of force as a function of position, the total work done by the force is represented by the area under the curve between the initial and final positions.

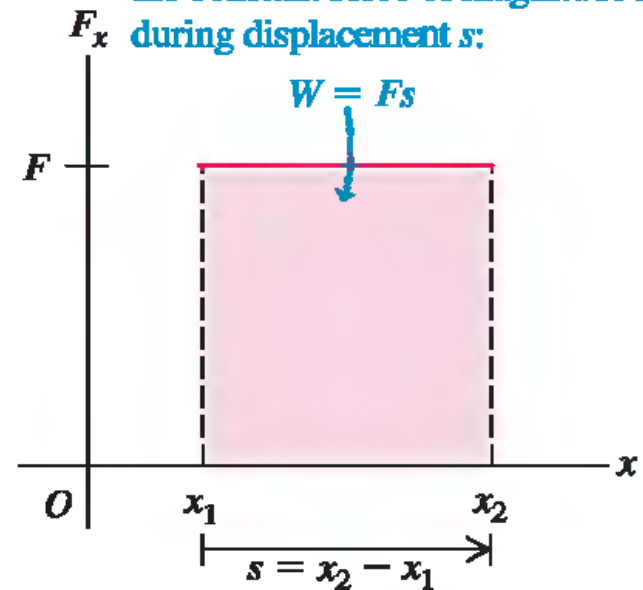
In the special case that F_x the x -component of the force, is constant, it may be taken outside the integral in Eq.

(6.7).

$$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F_x dx = F_x \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx = F_x(x_2 - x_1)$$

6.17 The work done by a constant force F in the x -direction as a particle moves from x_1 to x_2 .

The rectangular area under the graph represents the work done by the constant force of magnitude F during displacement s :



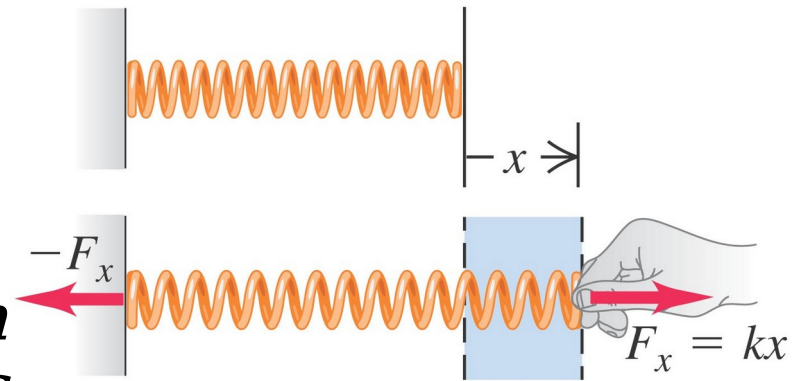
$F_x = kx$ The stretch of a spring and the force that caused it

The force applied to an ideal spring will be proportional to its stretch. 6.8

The graph of force on versus stretch on the x axis will yield a slope of k , the spring constant.

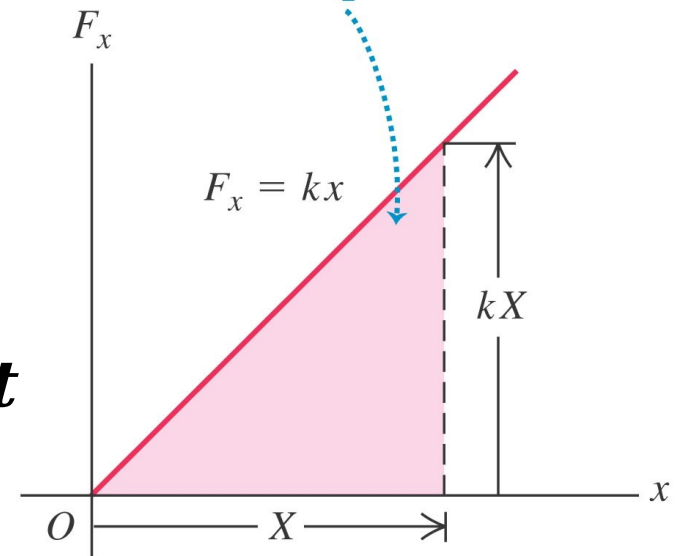
$$W = \int_0^x F_x dx' = \int_0^x kx' dx' = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \quad 6.9$$

The units of k are force divided by distance: N/m in SI units. The observation that force is directly proportional to elongation **for elongations that are not too great** is known as **Hooke's law**.



The area under the graph represents the work done on the spring as the spring is stretched from $x = 0$ to a maximum value X :

$$W = \frac{1}{2} kX^2$$



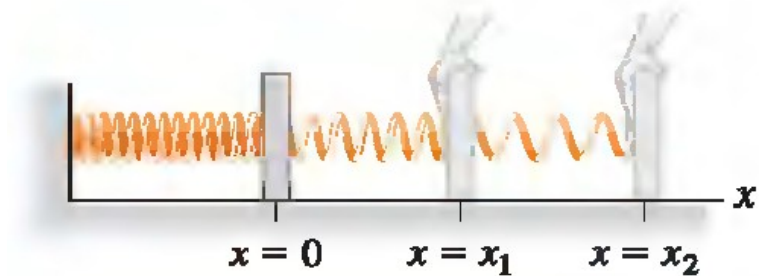
The stretch of a spring and the force that caused it

Equation (6.9) assumes that the spring was originally unstretched. If initially the spring is already stretched a distance x_1 the work we must do to stretch it to a

greater elongation x_2 is

$$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F_x dx' = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} kx' dx' = \frac{1}{2} kx_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} kx_1^2 \quad 6.10$$

(a) Stretching a spring from elongation x_1 to elongation x_2



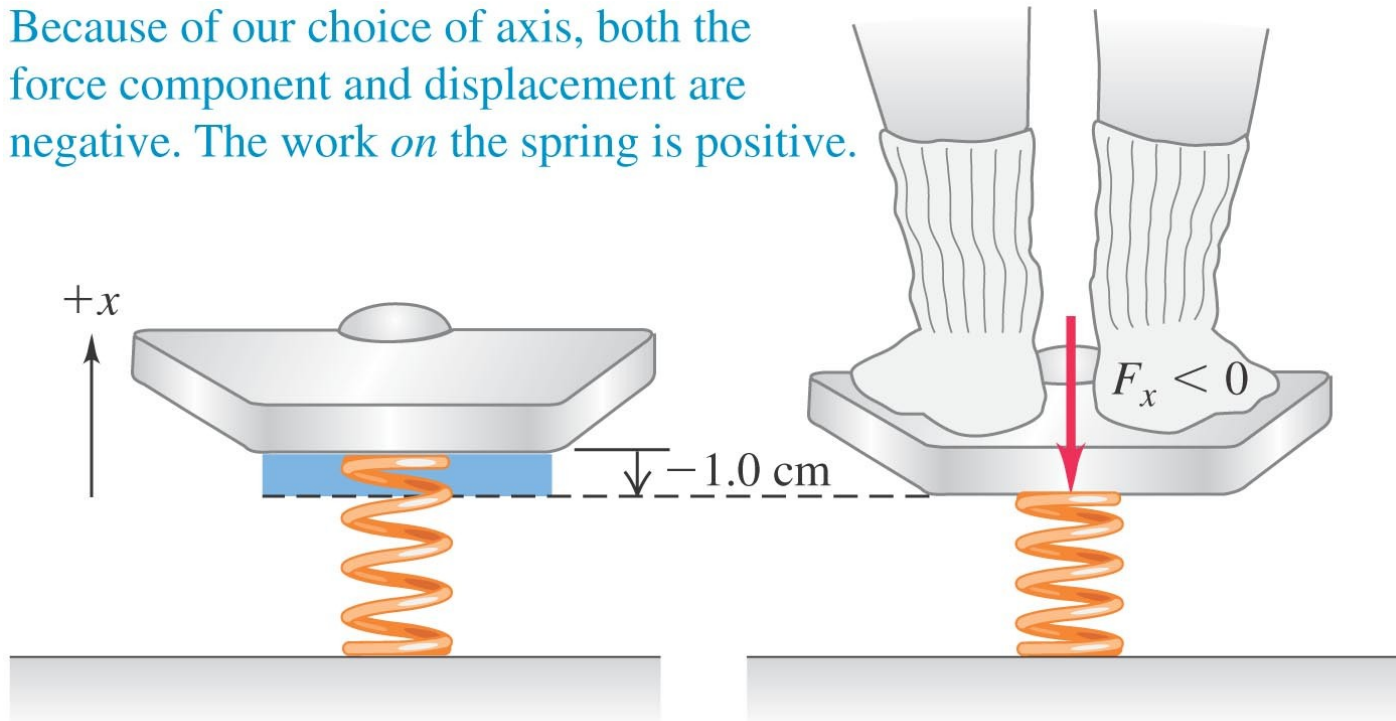
tion: Work done on a spring vs. work done by a spring

Eq.(6.10) gives the work that you must do on a spring to change its length. Thus, as you pull on the spring, the spring does negative work on you.

Example 6.6 Work done on a spring

A woman weighing $600N$ steps on a bathroom scale containing a stiff spring. In equilibrium the spring is compressed $1.0cm$ under her weight. Find the force constant of the spring and the total work done on it during the compression.

Because of our choice of axis, both the force component and displacement are negative. The work *on* the spring is positive.



Example 6.6 Work done on a spring

Identify: In **equilibrium** the upward force exerted by the spring balances the downward force of the woman's weight. We'll use this principle and Eq.(6.8) to determine the force constant **k** , and use Eq.(6.10) to calculate the work **W** that the woman does on the spring to compress.

Set up: We take positive values of x to correspond to elongation (upward), so that the displacement of the spring (x) and the x -component of the force that the woman exerts on it (F) are both negative.

Execute: The top of the spring is displaced by $x = -1.0\text{cm} = -0.01\text{m}$. The woman exerts **$F_x = -600\text{N}$** on the

$$\text{then } k = \frac{F_x}{x} = \frac{-600\text{ N}}{-0.010\text{ m}} = 6.0 \times 10^4\text{ N/m}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}kx_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}(6.0 \times 10^4\text{ N/m})(-0.010\text{ m})^2 - 0 = 3.0\text{ J}$$

Work-Energy Theorem for varying Forces

Here's a derivation of the work-energy theorem for a force that *may vary with position*. It involves making a change of variable from x to v_x **in the work**

in

$$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = \frac{dv_x}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} = v_x \frac{dv_x}{dx} \quad (6.11)$$

$$W_{\text{tot}} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F_x dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} m a_x dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} m v_x \frac{dv_x}{dx} dx \quad (6.12)$$

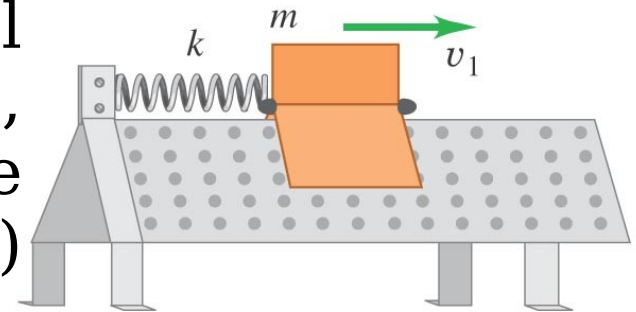
$$W_{\text{tot}} = \int_{v_1}^{v_2} m v_x dv_x$$

$$W_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2 \quad (6.13)$$

Motion with a varying force—Example 6.7

An air-track glider of mass 0.100 kg is attached to the end of a horizontal air track by a spring with force constant 20.0 N/m . Initially the spring is unstretched and the glider is moving at 1.50 m/s to the right. Find the maximum distance d that the glider moves to the right (a) if the air track is turned on so that there is no friction, and (b) if the air is turned off so that there is kinetic friction with

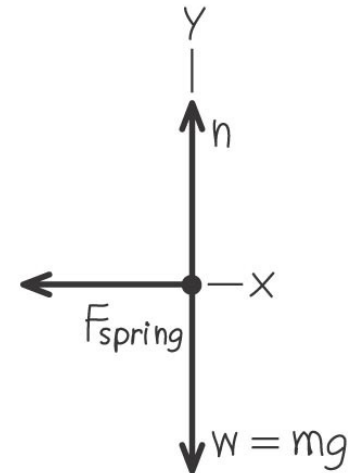
Identify The force exerted by the spring is not constant, we'll use the work--energy theorem, which involves the distance moved (our target variable) through the formula for work.



Motion with a varying force—Example 6.7

Set up: In Figure b and c, we chose the positive x -direction to be to the right, take $x=0$ at the glider's initial position (where the spring is unstretched) and $x=d$ (target variable) at the position where the glider stops. The motion is purely horizontal, so only

(b) Free-body diagram for the glider without friction



Execute: $\frac{1}{2}kd^2 = 0 - \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2$ or

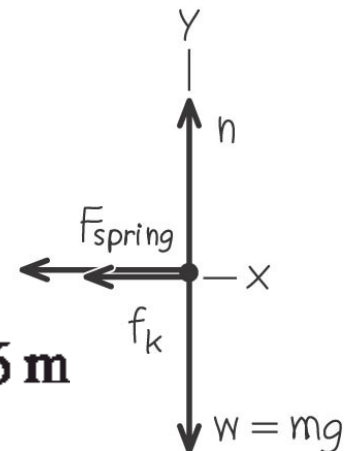
$$d = v_1 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = (1.50 \text{ m/s}) \sqrt{\frac{0.100 \text{ kg}}{20.0 \text{ N/m}}} = 0.106 \text{ m} = 10.6 \text{ cm}$$

(c) Free-body diagram for the glider with kinetic friction

$$W_{\text{fric}} = f_k d \cos 180^\circ = -f_k d = -\mu_k mgd$$

$$-\mu_k mgd - \frac{1}{2}kd^2 = 0 - \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2$$

$$d = \frac{-(0.461 \text{ N}) \pm \sqrt{(0.461 \text{ N})^2 - 4(10.0 \text{ N/m})(-0.113 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})}}{2(10.0 \text{ N/m})} = 0.086 \text{ m}$$



Work-Energy Theorem for Motion Along a Curve

Suppose a particle moves from point P_1 to P_2 along a curve. We divide the portion of the curve between these points into many *infinitesimal*

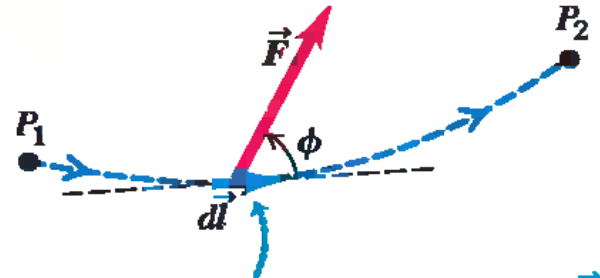
vector $d\vec{l}$ all a

$$dW = F \cos \phi \, dl = F_{\parallel} \, dl = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$W = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} F \cos \phi \, dl = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} F_{\parallel} \, dl = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

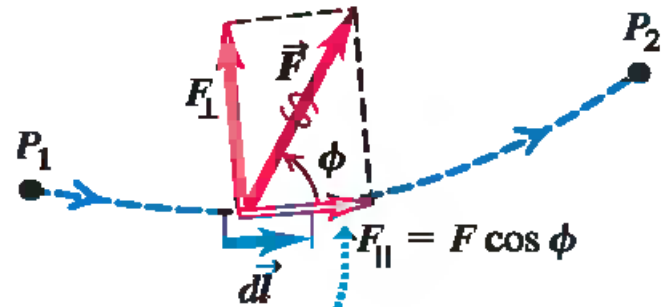
Note that only the component of the net force **parallel to the path**, does work on the particle, so can **change the speed and kinetic energy of the particle**. The component perpendicular to the path, has no effect on the **particle's speed; it acts only to**

(a)



During an infinitesimal displacement $d\vec{l}$, the force \vec{F} does work dW on the particle:
 $dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = F \cos \phi \, dl$

(b)



Only the component of \vec{F} parallel to the displacement, $F_{\parallel} = F \cos \phi$, contributes to the work done by \vec{F} .

Work-Energy Theorem for Motion Along a Curve

If you watch a child on a swing set, you can also consider the motion of a particle along a curved path.

(example 6.8) What is the total work done on the boy by all forces? What is the work done by the tension T in the chains? What is **the work** you do by exerting the force F ?

$$\sum F_x = F + (-T \sin \theta) = 0$$

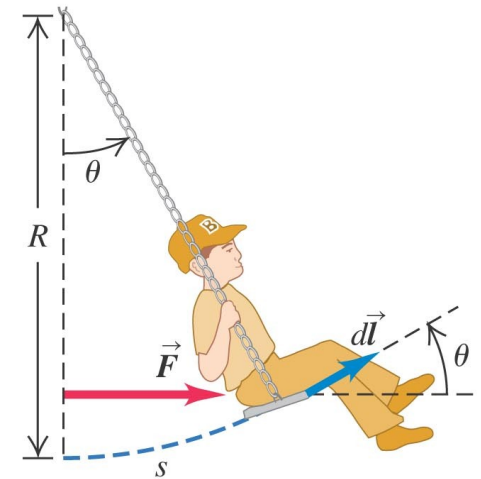
$$F = w \tan \theta$$

$$\sum F_y = T \cos \theta + (-w) = 0$$

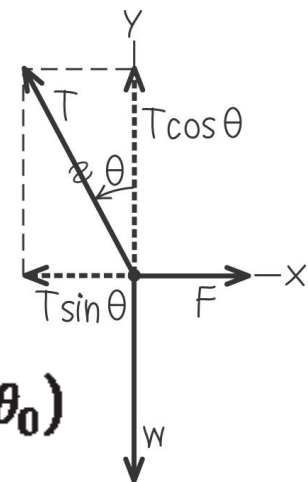
The point where F is applied swings through the arc s in circular motion $s = R\theta$

$$dl = ds = R d\theta, \quad W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int F \cos \theta ds$$

$$W = \int_0^{\theta_0} (w \tan \theta) \cos \theta (R d\theta) = wR \int_0^{\theta_0} \sin \theta d\theta = wR(1 - \cos \theta_0)$$



(b) Free-body diagram for Throckmorton (neglecting the weight of the chains and seat)

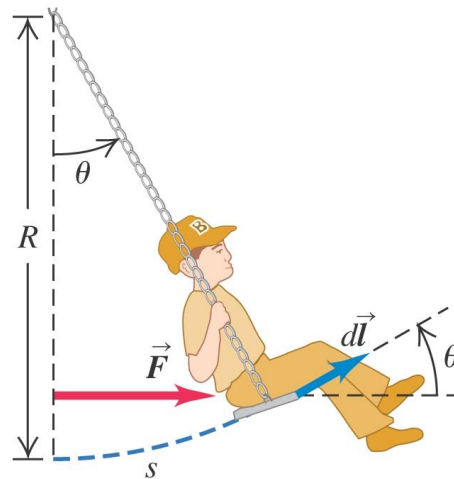


Work-Energy Theorem for Motion Along a Curve

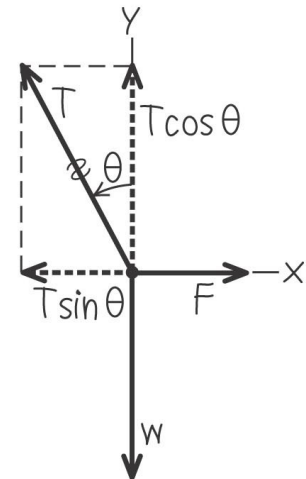
In Example 6.8 the infinitesimal displacement $d\vec{l}$ has a magnitude of dl , an x -component of $dl\cos\theta$, and a y -component of $dl\sin\theta$. Hence $d\vec{l} = i dl\cos\theta + j dl\sin\theta$. Use this expression and Eq.(6.14) to calculate the work done during the motion by the chain tension, by the force of gravity, and by the force F .

Identify: We use Eq. (6.14), but now we'll use Eq.(1.21) to find the scalar product in terms of components.

Set up: We use the same free-body diagram, Fig. 6.24b, as in Example 6.8.



(b) Free-body diagram for Throckmorton (neglecting the weight of the chains and seat)



Execute: From Fig.6.24b, we can write the three forces in terms of unit vectors:

$$\vec{T} = \hat{i}(-T\sin\theta) + \hat{j}T\cos\theta \quad \vec{w} = \hat{j}(-w) \quad \vec{F} = \hat{i}F$$

To use Eq.(6.14), we must calculate the scalar product of each of these forces with $d\vec{l}$. Using Eq.(1.21),

$$\vec{T} \cdot d\vec{l} = (-T\sin\theta)(ds\cos\theta) + (T\cos\theta)(ds\sin\theta) = 0$$

$$\vec{w} \cdot d\vec{l} = (-w)(ds\sin\theta) = -w\sin\theta ds$$

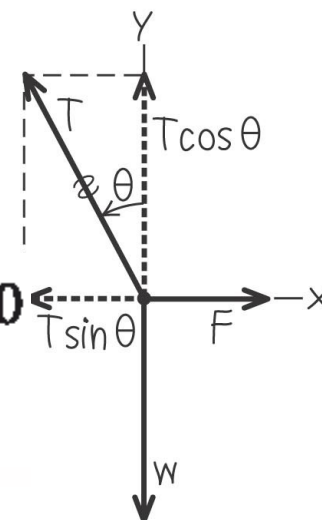
$$\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = F(ds\cos\theta) = F\cos\theta ds$$

Since $\vec{T} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$, the work done by the chain tension is zero.

Gravity $\int \vec{w} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int (-w\sin\theta) R d\theta = -wR \int_0^{\theta_0} \sin\theta d\theta = -wR(1 - \cos\theta_0)$

Force F : $W = \int_0^{\theta_0} (w\tan\theta)\cos\theta (R d\theta) = wR \int_0^{\theta_0} \sin\theta d\theta = wR(1 - \cos\theta_0)$

(b) Free-body diagram for Throckmorton (neglecting the weight of the chains and seat)



6.4 Power

In physics we use a much more precise definition: **Power** is the time rate at which work is done. Like work and energy, power is a scalar quantity.

When a quantity of work ΔW is done during a time interval Δt , the average work done per unit time or average power P_{av} is defined to be

$$P_{av} = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} \quad (\text{average power}) \quad (6.15)$$

We can define **instantaneous power** P as the quotient in Eq. (6.15) as Δt approaches zero:

$$P = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} = \frac{dW}{dt} \quad (\text{instantaneous power}) \quad (6.16)$$

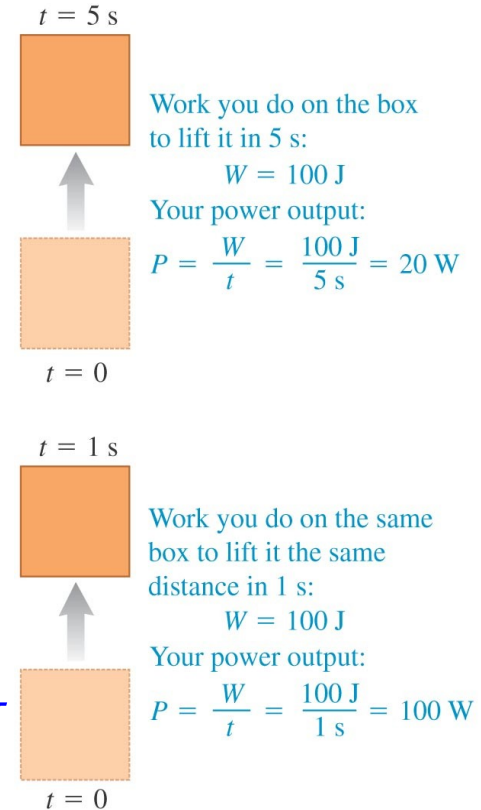
The SI unit of power is the watt (**W**), named for the English inventor **James Watt**. One watt equals 1 joule per second: **$1W = 1J/s$** .

Power

The kilowatt ($1\text{kW}=10^3\text{W}$) and the megawatt ($1\text{MW}=10^6\text{W}$) are also commonly used.

$$1 \text{ hp} = 746 \text{ W} = 0.746 \text{ kW}$$

The watt is a familiar unit of electrical power; a *100W* light bulb converts *100J* of electrical energy into light and heat ***each second***. But there's nothing inherently electrical about a watt.



Power

A light bulb could be rated in horsepower, and an engine can be rated in kilowatts.

The energy you use may be noted from the meter the electric company probably installed to measure your consumption of energy in **kilowatt-hours**

$$1 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{h} = (10^3 \text{ J/s}) (3600 \text{ s}) = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J} = 3.6 \text{ MJ}$$

kilowatt-hour is a unit of *work or energy*, not *power*.

In mechanics we can also express power in terms of force and velocity. The average power is

$$P_{\text{av}} = \frac{F_{\parallel} \Delta s}{\Delta t} = F_{\parallel} \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = F_{\parallel} v_{\text{av}} \quad (6.17)$$

Instantaneous power ***P*** is the limit of this expression as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

$$P = F_{\parallel} v \quad (6.18)$$

$$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \quad \text{(instantaneous rate at which force } \vec{F} \text{ does work on a particle)} \quad (6.19)$$

Force and power you depend upon—

Example 6.10

Each of the two jet engines in a Boeing 767 airliner develops a thrust (a forward force on the airplane) of **$197,000\text{N}$** . When the airplane is flying at **250m/s** , what

horsepower does each engine develop? Our target variable is the

instantaneous power **P** ,
 $P = F_{\parallel}v = (1.97 \times 10^5 \text{ N})(250 \text{ m/s})$

$$= 4.93 \times 10^7 \text{ W}$$

$$= (4.93 \times 10^7 \text{ W}) \frac{1 \text{ hp}}{746 \text{ W}}$$

$$= 66,000 \text{ hp}$$

(a)



(b)



An example you might do if the elevator is out

A **50.0kg** marathon runner runs up the stairs to the top of Chicago's *443m-tall* Sears Tower, the tallest building in the United States. To lift herself to the top in *15.0 minutes*, what must be her average power output in watts? In kilowatts? In horsepower?

$$W = mgh = (50.0 \text{ kg})(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)(443 \text{ m})$$

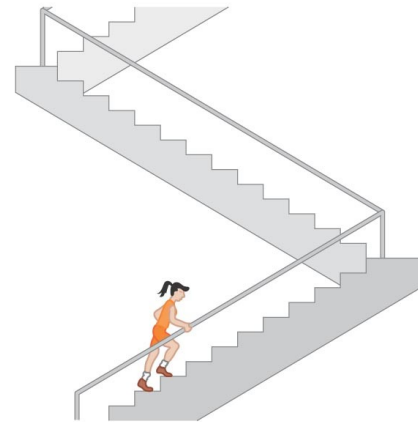
$$= 2.17 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$$

$$P_{\text{av}} = \frac{2.17 \times 10^5 \text{ J}}{900 \text{ s}} = 241 \text{ W}$$

$$= 0.241 \text{ kW} = 0.323 \text{ hp}$$

Let's try the calculation again using Eq.(6.17).

$$P_{\text{av}} = F_{\parallel} v_{\text{av}} = (mg) v_{\text{av}} = (50.0 \text{ kg})(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)(0.492 \text{ m/s}) = 241 \text{ W}$$



Q6.2

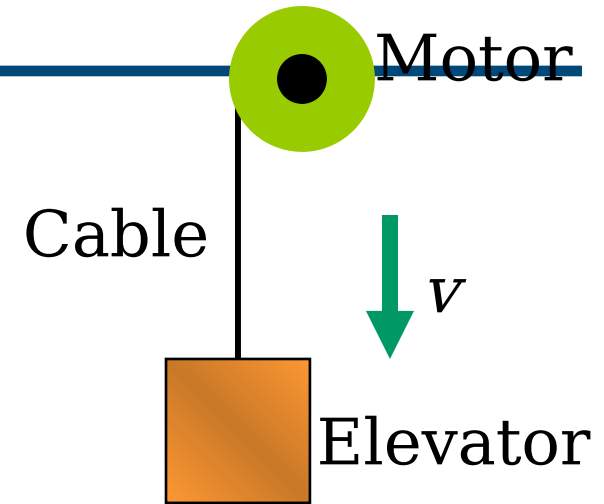
An elevator is being *lowered* at a constant speed by a steel cable attached to an electric motor.

Which statement is correct?
A. The cable does positive work on the elevator, and the elevator does positive work on the cable.

B. The cable does positive work on the elevator, and the elevator does negative work on the cable.

C. The cable does negative work on the elevator, and the elevator does positive work on the cable.

D. The cable does negative work on the elevator, and the elevator does negative work on the cable.



A6.2

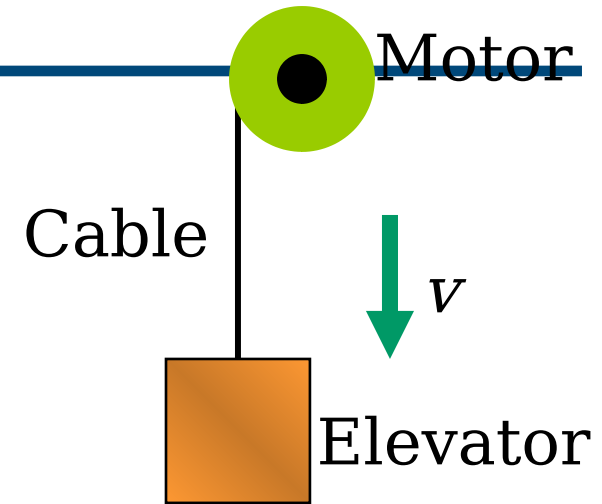
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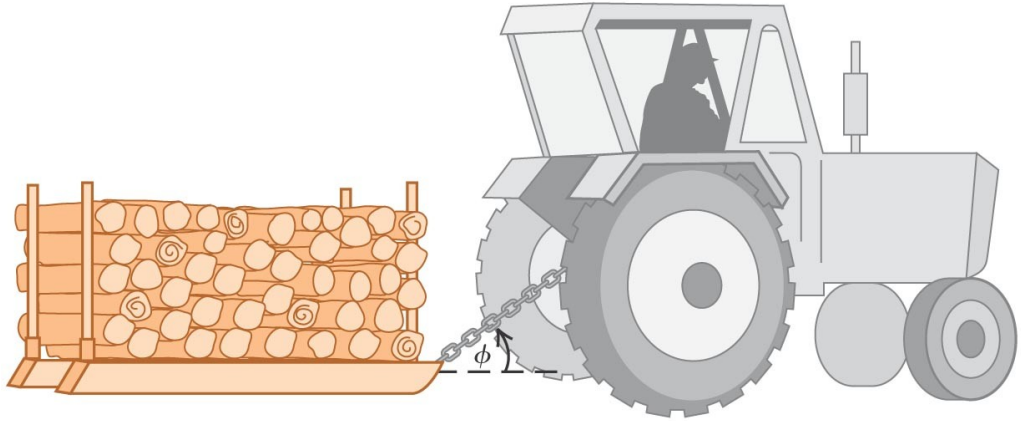
✓ C. The cable does negative work on the elevator, and the elevator does positive work on the cable.

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Q6.4

A tractor driving at a constant speed pulls a sled loaded with firewood. There is friction between the sled and the road. The total work done on the sled after it has moved a distance d is



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A. positive.

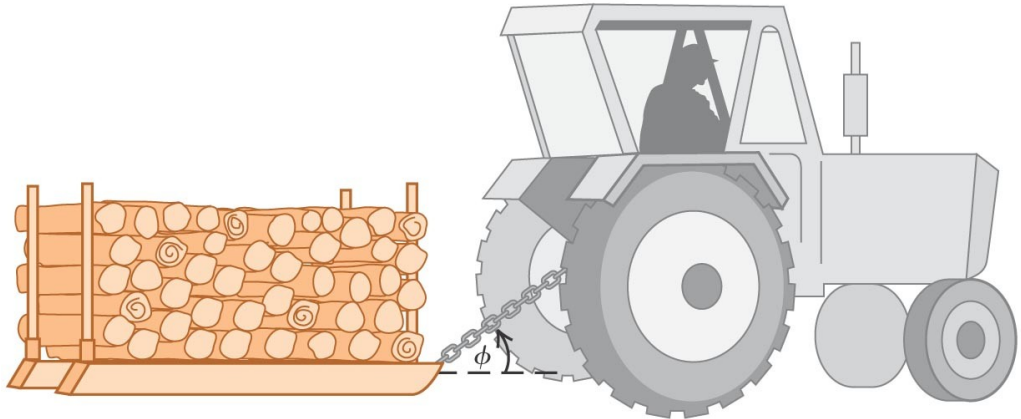
B. negative.

C. zero.

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Q6.5

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- A. the object's kinetic energy
- B. the object's velocity
- C. both of the above
- D. none of the above

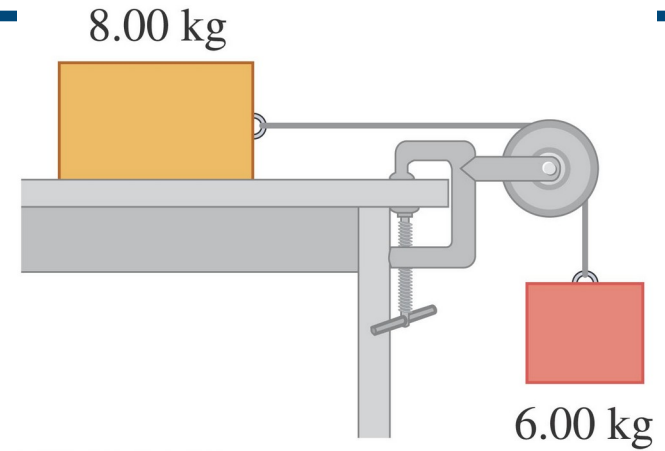
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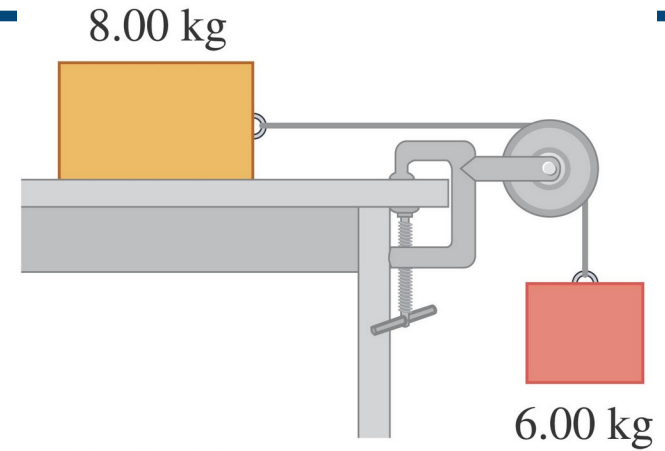
A 6.00-kg block and an 8.00-kg block are connected as shown. When released, the 6.00-kg block accelerates downward and the 8.00-kg block accelerates to the right. After each block has moved 2.00 cm, the force of gravity has done



- A. more work on the 8.00-kg block than on the 6.00-kg block.
- B. the same amount of work on both blocks.
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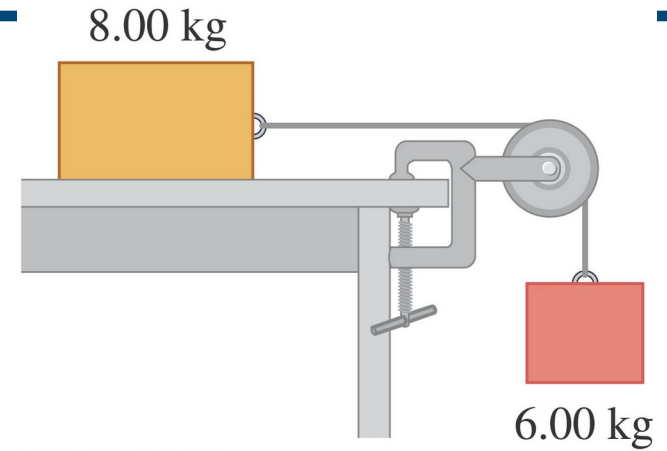


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Q6.7

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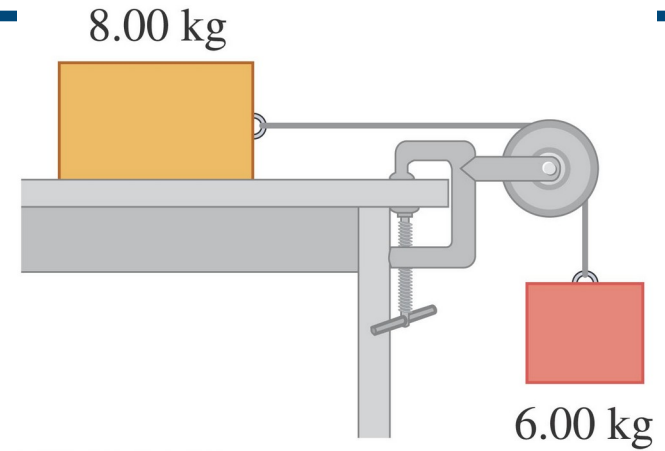
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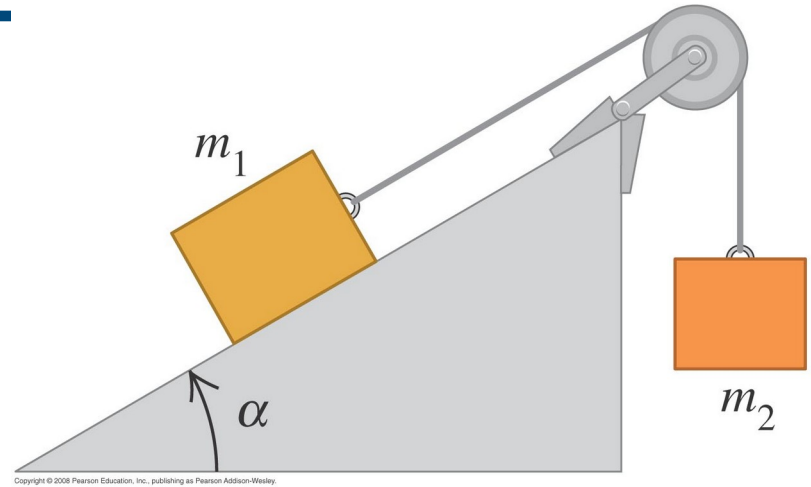
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Q6.9

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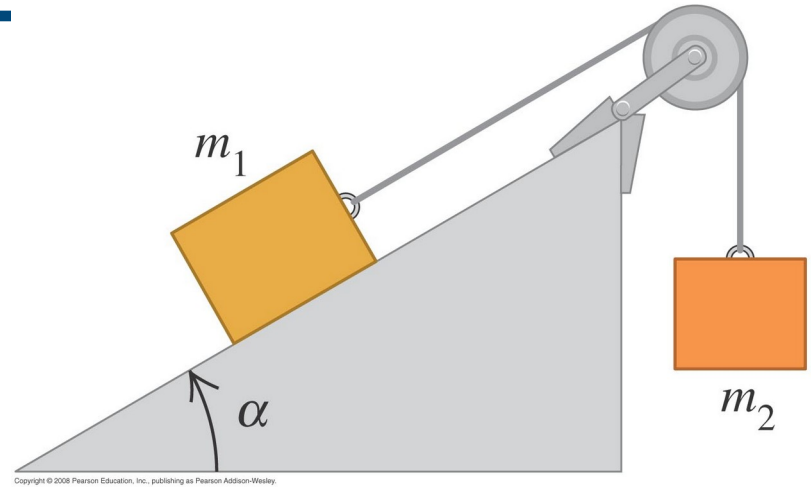


After each block has moved a distance d , the total work done on m_1

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Homework:

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